# Proclamation

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### Matthew G. Bebin Gobernor

of the

## Commonwealth of Kentucky



#### To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS,	Pharmacy is respected throughout our great Commonwealth as one of the oldest health professions concerned with ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens; and
WHEREAS,	Today, there are more than 9,391 licensed pharmacists in the state of Kentucky; and
WHEREAS,	Pharmacists provide critical services by improving medication use and advancing patient care; and
WHEREAS,	The use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in addressing health care expenditures and concerns; and
WHEREAS,	Today's medicines require greater attention to the manner in which they are dispensed and used by an increasingly diverse population; and
WHEREAS,	It is important that users of both prescription and over-the-counter medications be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy, along with their formal and informal caregivers; and
WHEREAS,	Pharmacists are a trusted community resource and accessible across the state; and
WHEREAS,	Pharmacists have extensive education and expertise on drugs and medication therapy, which makes them ideally suited to work collaboratively with patients and their health care team members to improve medication use and outcomes; and
WHEREAS,	The American Pharmacists Association and the Kentucky Pharmacists Association have declared October as American and Kentucky Pharmacists Month with the theme, "Know Your Pharmacist – Know Your Medicine";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 2016, as

### PHARMACISTS MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen and in the 225<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

MATTHEW G. BEVIN

GOVERNOR

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE

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